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Identical letters dated 10 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw your attention to the following information:

We write to you further to our previous letters concerning the systematic terrorist war that is being waged against the Syrian Arab Republic.

On the morning of Wednesday, 9 July 2014, Syria awoke to yet another wave of systematic terrorism from which even children in their homes were not safe. At dawn on Wednesday, 9 July 2014, an armed terrorist group perpetrated a horrific massacre against the people of the village of Khattab in the northern countryside of Hama. This terrorist attack resulted in the deaths of 14 civilians, including seven women and children. The terrorists butchered all of the innocent civilian victims and mutilated and disfigured their bodies and then decapitated them. It should be noted that the bodies show clear signs of torture.

The Minister of Justice has issued a decision forming a special judicial committee to conduct the necessary investigations into the terrorist crime that occurred in the town of Khattab in Hama governorate.

This despicable crime is yet another example of the crimes being committed by extremist and *takfirist* terrorists who have demonstrated yet again their disregard for human values. These terrorists have targeted the institutions of the State, its infrastructure, its schools and its hospitals with the clear support of both Western and Arab capitals, which are providing money, weapons, training and shelter to terrorist groups.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic draws the attention of both the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council to the details of this crime. It expects the Security Council to condemn clearly this despicable crime and take serious measures against those States that support terrorist groups, at the

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forefront of which are permanent members of the Security Council, as well as other States, principally Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar.

If the Security Council is serious about countering terrorism, then it should take genuine and tangible measures to put an end to the recruitment and arming of terrorists and their dispatch to Syria. These actions are occurring in full view of the international community and with the sponsorship and support of States that are permanent members of the Security Council, in addition to other States, at the forefront of which are Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar. The time has come for the United Nations to act immediately in order to end the support being provided by States Members of the United Nations for terrorism and to armed terrorist groups. The threat of terrorism is not restricted to the Syrian Arab Republic, but will extend to all States of the world. The Organization must also oblige those States that are complicit in supporting, arming, training, funding and sheltering terrorists to cease those practices immediately, in accordance with United Nations mechanisms and resolutions.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic puts this important information before the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations. It expects the necessary measures to be taken to restrain the regimes in Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar from continuing to incite and support terrorism, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, the most important of which are resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 1989 (2011).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 110, and of the Security Council.

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